

EXPECTS TO WIN

Flynn Depends on Infighting to Whip Johnson.

Date of Fight to Be Fixed Within Ten Days.

MAY FIGHT EARLY

Western Men Want Bout on Washington's Birthday.

Old Heads to Help Fireman Learn to Box.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—The Jim Flynn-Jack Johnson match has been closed, save the posting of the forfeits and this will be done no later than Saturday. The two men are expected to sign the articles calling for a 20-day round contest with Jim Flynn, for which he is to receive a guarantee of \$25,000. Jack Johnson, who is expected to be the champion, is expected to be the champion. The articles call for the fight to be decided anytime between now and July 4, but the date must be definitely set within the next ten days. Jack Curley, manager for Flynn and the champion drew the articles and each signed.

Today both are waiting the arrival from Salt Lake of a committee of two who left yesterday with a certificate check for \$10,000 which is to be posted with the first National bank, the addition of \$2,000 to be posted in a bank at Salt Lake two days before the match. Flynn is to receive a percentage of the gate. Although Salt Lake people are promoting the affair, the match is to be decided in Nevada. Whether it will go to Woodward or Metropolis is a matter the promoters must decide. Johnson taking no vote in the matter, John Curley has acted for the Salt Lake people, but from now on he will let the westerners handle the fight. Just what date will be picked for the match is not certain. When Curley left the west the promoters there believed July 4 would be best for the fight. Since then they have been inclined to think February, possibly the 23d.

Feeling the importance of the match and that he has his man within the grasp of the championship, which would mean fame and fortune, Curley is losing no time in getting Flynn set for the encounter.

"It may seem funny to a lot of people, this picking of Ryan and Corbett and Attell as trainers," said Curley today, "but in these three men I have the brains of the fighting world and under their care Flynn can learn more than if he battled in the ring until the end of time. Ryan and Corbett may not do much with Flynn, but what they know about the game, the trickery, the art of delivering punches, the shrewdness and other things that a man requires to face a Johnson is invaluable to him."

"Corbett has been out of the game a long time, but what Ryan might overlook he knows. Attell, I am sure, will use his speed and cleverness. There isn't a man alive who can come up to the featherweight champion for knowledge of the game and if Flynn can grasp one-third of what he can teach him, together with what he will learn from the other two trainers, there isn't a chance for Johnson to win. Flynn has the courage of heart to face Johnson. He has a punch that can tell the big fellow and he is a master at infighting, his chance to drop Jack. It is a matter of a lifetime for the fireman and I am not going to overlook any expense in the way of fitting him. We're out to win and win we will, unless some unforeseen thing happens."

NEW LEAGUE GETS FRANCHISES.

Seven Towns Now Promised Teams on New Circuit.

New York, Jan. 5.—After a meeting here of the new United States Baseball league, organized three weeks ago, it was announced that franchises had been granted to Pittsburg and Cincinnati. These additions give the league organizations in seven cities, the others being New York, Brooklyn, Reading, Pa., Richmond and Washington. Chicago, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Buffalo, it was stated, have asked for franchises.

William T. McCullough and Captain Marshall Henderson represented Pittsburg at the meeting. The Cincinnati franchise, it was announced, was awarded to John J. Ryan, former aquatic commissioner of New York.

MALEK HEADS RED SOX.

Organization New Boston Directorate Is Completed.

Boston, Jan. 4.—The new management of the Boston American league baseball club has organized with James R. McAleer of Washington as president, Robert McKay, treasurer, and former President John L. Taylor, vice president. General Charles H. Taylor of Boston and J. H. Turner, attorney for the club, were made directors.

Joseph Quirk, who has been with President McAleer in St. Louis and Washington, will act as trainer for the team.

PUEBLO WILL FIGHT TRANSFER.

Lawsuits Promised If He Tries to Move Team.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 5.—If Frank Isbell tries to transfer the Pueblo Western league franchise back to Wichita he will find himself in a mess of lawsuits.

Aroused by reports that the former White Sox star plans to take over the management of the Des Moines club, sending the Pueblo club back to Wichita with Al Shaw as manager, the

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Pueblans have started a movement to get an injunction. They assert that when Isbell was induced to come to Pueblo last year, he signed an agreement made out in due legal form, to keep the club in Pueblo for at least five years. For signing this agreement Isbell was given a substantial bonus.

Fans assert that a transfer of the franchise is as much a breach of contract as breaking of any other contract would be.

BILLITER WINS HARD MATCH.

Wirth Barred for Using Strangle Hold in Third Fall.

Battle Creek, Jan. 5.—John Billiter, of Toledo, retained his title as lightweight wrestling champion, defeating Henry Wirth, of Chicago, in a hard contest. After each had had won a fall, Wirth was disqualified for using the strangle hold, which was barred.

Billiter won the first fall from Wirth in 57 minutes. The fall was accomplished by a toe hold and a half Nelson.

The second fall was taken by Wirth in 27 minutes with a full hammerlock. The men had been wrestling 12 minutes for the third fall when Billiter was given the decision. Wirth had been warned four times by the referee to keep away from the strangle hold and when he resorted to it for a fifth time, it was with difficulty that the men were torn apart.

The match was exciting throughout and was free from rough tactics until each had won a fall. Both men displayed much cleverness in making and breaking holds and until he began using the foul hold, Wirth was a big favorite.

GIANTS SCHEDULE OUT.

Two Teams Will Play Exhibition Games Next Spring.

New York, Jan. 5.—Joseph O'Brien, the new secretary of the New York Nationals is back at his desk today after a holiday and other middle western cities. Preparations are already under way for the spring training at Marlinton, Texas. The program of exhibition games during the Texas sojourn includes March 2, Dallas; 3, Fort Worth; 4, Dallas; 10, Fort Worth; 16-17, Houston; 23, Dallas; 24, Fort Worth; 30, Dallas; 31, Fort Worth; April 6-7, New Orleans.

The Giants will return to New York about April 9. They will follow their customary proceeding by playing their first home game with Yale on April 10. Rats will be crossed with Jersey City April 14.

The second team of Giants is booked to play in Mobile, New Orleans, Montgomery and other places during the spring season.

NOT ALL PROFESSIONALS.

Chicago Professor Says Athletics Are Not Tainted.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—William Scott Bond of the University of Chicago alumni made the statement last night that of 400 letters sent to "C" athletes of the school, regarding professionalism during their time in college, 100 replies had been received.

Mr. Bond has been acting for Coach A. A. Stagg during the latter's absence in North Carolina. Although the answers thus far received have not been classified, Mr. Bond expressed the opinion that the investigation will have a tendency to show that professionalism is not so general in the west as some critics have tried to make it appear.

FAIRWEATHER NOT CERTAIN.

If Des Moines Looks Good He Will Use Option.

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 5.—Thomas P. Fairweather, ex-president of the Sioux City baseball club, who has returned to Sioux City from Chicago, said: "Although it is probable that I will be in charge of the Des Moines club this season, the matter is not definitely settled yet. I have secured only a fifteen day option on the Des Moines franchise. The option commences Monday. I am going to that city Monday and if the prospects are encouraging, I will probably exercise the option that I secured in Chicago Monday."

Flynn Goes to Chicago.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 5.—Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, has gone to Chicago to join his manager, Jack Curley, confident that on Saturday he will close the deal for his meeting with Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion.

MOREAU GOES TO FRANCE.

Bombardier Wells, Y'know, Is Coming to This Bloomin' Country.

New York, Jan. 5.—Marcel Moreau is going to France to train for his match with Willie Lewis. The next foreign bloomer that will hit our shores will probably be Bombardier Wells, the English heavyweight, who came very nearly fighting Jack Johnson. What will happen Saturday and Sunday is that the Britisher and his opponent over his recent battle and crown him a "rotter." That's enough to make any man leave home.

CALLS IT A MACHINE.

Congressman Norris Attacks Administration of P. O. Department.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The postoffice department has come to be a huge political machine used by any party in power to control party organizations. Representative Norris of Nebraska, making an address on a dramatic bill he introduced which would place every postal employee except the postmaster general under the competitive classified service. "The roll call of a Republican convention," said Mr. Norris, who is an insurgent Republican, reads like a list of second-class postmasters."

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MINORS WIN OUT

National Baseball Commission Grants Them Every Demand.

Draft Price Is Raised and New Classification Made.

Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—With the recognition of a class in minor league baseball to be known as class AA and a revision of practically every section of the national agreement, the National baseball commission ended its eighth annual meeting here.

The visit of the hosts of minor league magnates to the meeting was not in vain, inasmuch as they were granted everything that they requested of the commission. The class AA will be ranked between the major leagues and the class A leagues and will be composed of the International league, the American association, and the Pacific coast league. Like the major leagues, the class AA clubs cannot sell players except for immediate delivery. This rule does not bind the leagues of a lower classification, however.

The drafting season which has heretofore opened on September 1, will in the future open on September 15. The season for purchase of players will close August 30 as formerly. The five days of the drafting season from September 15 to September 20, will be given over to the major leagues exclusively. Two days will then be allowed to clubs and the class AA league clubs will have a ten days' drafting season. Then the leagues of lower classification will have their season in the order of their classification.

One of the principal changes in the agreement was the price to be paid by major league clubs for minor league players who are drafted. It follows: To class AA, \$2,500 instead of \$1,000; class A, \$1,200 instead of \$1,000; class B, \$1,200 instead of \$750; class C, \$750 instead of \$500, and class D \$500 instead of \$300.

Only One Loss by Draft.

Class AA league clubs are permitted to draft from any league of a lower classification including the class A, provided that the latter class club has not lost a player by draft to the major leagues.

The limit of the number of players which can be carried on the reserve list was also revised and follows: Major league clubs, 35; class AA, 30; class A, 25; class B, 20; class C, 15; class D, 10. No regulation was made for the class D leagues.

From May 1 to August 20, major league clubs are restricted to 25 players while the restriction in the minor leagues are: Class AA, 20; class A, 15; class B, 10; class C, 14. No provision was made for class D.

Heretofore the National Association of Minor League Clubs paid an annual assessment to the national commission of \$1,000. This was done away with upon recommendation of President Johnson, of the American league, and in the future the commission will stand the entire expense of running itself.

This is the result of the healthy receipts from the recent world's championship series, as well as the intercity series which were under the auspices of the commission.

Cuts Minor Player's Salary.

Another rule which has a bearing on all minor league players was passed at the request of the minors themselves. It holds that no major league club be allowed to pay a player who is under a probationary contract more than 25 per cent of the salary he received from the minor league club from which he was claimed. In regard to this it was explained that the players frequently were given a huge salary for the 45 days of probationary play with the major leagues, only to be thrust back into the minor and become dissatisfied over the much smaller salary. Thereafter all major league club players and clubs will be prohibited from playing exhibition games in minor league towns without the consent of the home club, while the same rule applies to minor league players and minor league clubs playing in major league territory.

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J. H. Farrell, secretary of the National association, in speaking of the changes, said:

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